Freedom of Information Act 2000 & Environmental Information Regs. 2004

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Request:

1. The earliest known uses of the name “The Shrubbery” in council records, planning documents, or maps;
2. Any prior or alternative names used for the site, whether official, informal, or internal (e.g. during War Department ownership or in post-war local government planning);
3. Internal documents discussing the renaming or rebranding of The Shrubbery as The Paddock, including:
• Concept names or project titles that were considered but not adopted;
• Community consultation results or naming proposals;
• Branding, design briefs, or identity documents relating to the site’s public-facing name;
4. Any heritage assessments or landscape reports referring to the name or symbolic importance of the site.

Response:

The Council holds only the information in the attached PDF which is a report concerning Kents Historic Parks and Gardens. This suggest the name change came about sometime between 1910 and 1919 . The report may hold the other information you require, however no other information is held by Medway Council on this matter.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Information Governance Manager, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR., or email freedom@medway.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you wish to receive further information in regards to this request or wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request please forward your request to freedom@medway.gov.uk or Information Governance Team, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR.